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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Menard et al.
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For : **FRICITION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE
EMPLOYING FRICTION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE
METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICTION MATERIAL AND
THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Final Office Action dated **March 27, 2001**, the shortened statutory period for response having expired on **June 27, 2001**. Accordingly, an appropriate petition for extension of time or corresponding fee is attached herein.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Three Times Amended) A friction material designed for fitting to a device employing friction in a liquid medium, the friction material comprising approximately 20% to 40% by weight a mat of non-woven fibres and approximately 40% to 60% by weight a thermosetting resin which impregnates said fibres, wherein said fibres have a length of at least 12 mm.
 2. A friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the average length of the fibres is at most 120 mm.